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For: **Device for Use In Eye Surgery**

REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal in response to the Official Action dated February 10, 2004. Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated February 10, 2004 for two months from May 10, 2004 to July 10, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of $420.00 to our Visa credit card. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed (RCE-$770; Two-Month Extension-$420). Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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